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TAGS: PINT PINS MILI CH

SUBJECT: FUTHER LIGHT ON PLA INTERVENTION IN HANGCHOW

REF: (A) HONG KONG 8610; (B) HONG KONG 8522

1. AS PART OF THE CENTER'S ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE CHEKIAING FACTIONALISM PEKING HAS TRANSFERRED MILITARY UNITS AS WELL AS SHAKING UP PROVINCIAL AND MUNCIIPLE LEADERSHIP THERE. AN AUGUST 2 NCNA DOMESTIC TRANSMISSION AND A PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLE THE SAME DAY INDIRECTLY CONFIRM THE PRESENCE OF ELEMENTS OF THE FIRST ARMY IN CHEKIANG. THE ARTICLES MENTION THAT MODEL COMMANDER LI KUANG-SHAN--PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED BY CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE AS DIVISION COMMANDER IN THE FIRST ARMY- AND THE MODEL "HARD-BONE" SIXTH COMPANY- A UNIT OF THE FIRST DIVISION-ARE TAKING PART IN THE PRODUCTION DRIVE IN SIX HANCHOW FACTORIES. THIS INDICATED THAT FIRST ARMY TROOPS, INCLUDING THE FIRST DIVISION, ARE THE FORCE WHICH REPLACED THE 20TH DIVISION IN

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CHEKIANG THIS SPRING AND SUBSEQUENTLY INTERVENED WITH 6,000

TROOPS TO RESTORE ORDER IN HANGCHOW FACTORIES. (REF B).

2. THE FIRST ARMY WAS LOCATED IN HONAN, PART OF THE WYHAN MR, AS RECENTLY AS FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR. ITS RECENT RRANSFER TO THE NANKING MR MAY BE CONNECTED WITH THE APPOINTMENT IN MARCH OF LIAO HAN-HENG AS MR POLITICAL COMMISSAR. LIAO WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FIRST ARMY AND ITS PREDECESSORS DURING THE 1940'S AND WAS ITS POLITICAL COMMISSAR DURING THE 1949 LIBERATION.

3. IN ADDITION TO LEADING PRODUCTION AND PROPAGANDA WORK IN HANGCHOW FACTORIES, THE PLA ALSO SEEMS TO BE EXERCISING A GREATER ROLE IN CIVIL AFFAIRS. A JULY 24 BROADCAST STATED THAT THE PARTY COMMITTEE OF THE CHEKIANG MILITARY DISTRICT "CALLED A MEETING OF PARTY MEMBERS AND CADRES OF GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND PLA UNITS STATIONED IN HANGCHOW." THIS IS A ROLE WHCIH WOULD NORMALLY BE RESERVED TO THE PROVINCE PARTY COMMITTEE AND REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE AND RASIES THE POSSI-BILITY OF A MODIFIED FROM OF MARTIAL LAW BEING EXERCISED TO CONTROL FACTIONALISM.  
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